

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE PHILADELPHIA LIBRARY.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders to Consider the Acceptance of an Act of the Legislature.

In accordance with the announcement, a meeting of the stockholders of the Philadelphia Library was held on Monday to-day to consider the acceptance of a special act of the Legislature passed last winter, with reference to the Ridgway branch and the trusts pertaining thereto.

The act, which has been recommended to a favorable consideration by a joint committee of the stockholders and directors, is as follows:—

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That the Library Company of Philadelphia be and they are hereby authorized, as trustees for the Ridgway branch of the Philadelphia Library and the trusts pertaining thereto, under the last will and codicils of the late John Ridgway, to accept of the Philadelphia, Doctor of Medicine, upon the conditions and provisions therein contained, without limitation as to the real value or amount of the said trusts, and in such manner that the real and personal property of the company, including such books, pictures, statues, and other works of literature and art, as now are or shall hereafter be in the possession of the said company, shall remain and be under their own control and disposition, and they shall have full power to convey and assign the same, and to execute any deed or conveyance necessary to carry into effect the conditions and provisions of the said will and codicils in accordance with the directions of the said will.

The amendments which it is proposed to attach to the charter of the company are as follows:—

I. That the board of directors shall have full power to hold and take to possess all such powers and capacities as may be necessary to enable them to act as trustees under the will of the late John Ridgway, and to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed on the 22d of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy (1870), entitled "An Act relative to the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library."

II. So long as the Library Company shall act as such trustees, they shall not be liable for the debts and liabilities of the company, or for the debts and liabilities of any other body, corporate or politic.

The meeting was called to order on Monday by Hon. Eli K. Price, William E. Whitmore, Esq., acted as Secretary. A quorum of members was announced as being present, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Frederick Fraley, Esq., of the joint committee of the stockholders and directors, stood on behalf of the committee and read the report of the committee, the result of which was the formation of the above act of Assembly, which is now a law of the State. His duty was to move the acceptance of the act, and the accompanying amendments, which had been reported upon favorably by the committee.

Henry M. Phillips, Esq., said, in presenting the following resolutions adopted by the committee, he expressed the unanimous sentiment of that body:—

Resolved, That the Library Company do accept of the provisions of the Act of the Legislature, passed on the 22d of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, entitled "An Act relative to the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library." Directors be requested to apply to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia county for the amendments (printed above) to the charter of the company.

THE ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That this Board shall be located in the city of Philadelphia.

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